

**Opening, Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Formal Public Comment**

Meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Vice President Melendez who presided over the meeting. The following members of the State Board were present: Jorge L. Melendez, Vice President; Nina Lou Bunting; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr., G. Patrick Heffernan, and Terry W. Whittaker. Secretary of Education Steven Godowsky was present to serve as the Executive Secretary for the State Board and the Board's Executive Director, Donna Johnson, was also present.

The agenda was approved as amended. It was indicated that the JDG presentation was being withdrawn as Senator Poore who was the scheduled presenter was unable to attend. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting and seconded by Mr. Heffernan to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Minutes from the Board's retreat of April 15, work session of April 21 and regular meeting of April 21, 2016 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the minutes of the Board's retreat as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried unanimously by voice vote. A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to approve the minutes of the Board's work session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote. Dr. Whittaker made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting of April 21<sup>st</sup> as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment

No individuals requested to address the Board.

**Committee Reports, Update from the Executive Director, Update on Literacy Campaign Efforts and Secretary's Report**

Committee Reports and Executive Director's Update

Board members highlighted their monthly activities. Mrs. Bunting attended the Board's retreat and the annual meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma. She also attended the DSBA Board of Directors meeting where members received information on education law. Dr. Whittaker attended the Board's retreat and work session as well as Mr. Coverdale. Mr. Coverdale also attended Cab Calloway Middle School's performance of "Annie." Mr. Melendez attended the Board retreat and the meeting of the Financial Literacy Task Force and provided an update on the Task Force's meeting.

Ms. Johnson highlighted some of the items and news briefs shared under the Executive Director's report. She highlighted articles on ESSA and outlined the many ESSA resources that she has provided on the Board's website including information from the May 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop. Ms. Johnson provided an update on the CAECC (Committee for the Advancement of Educator Compensation and Careers) and a proposed funded pilot on teacher leadership. She also

participated in the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) task force on computer science education noting that their report will be released in June.

#### Update on Literacy Campaign Efforts

Ms. Johnson provided an update including her meeting with the Director from United Way on a program for grade level reading.

#### Secretary's Report

Secretary Godowsky explained that the committee formed by Senate Joint Resolution 2 on assessment inventory is finalizing its recommendations. One recommendation is the pausing of the state assessment in social studies. This recommendation is supported by the Social Studies Coalition. A new test will be administered in 2017-2018 and be aligned to Common Core and Delaware's new Social Studies Standards.

Dr. Godowsky noted that the transition from Smarter Balanced to the SAT for Grade 11 was very successful and thanked the schools for the smooth transition. The Department will be determining the SAT cut scores and is working with teachers and stakeholders. He also highlighted school visits to Colwyck, Delmar Middle/High School and the Townsend Early Childhood Center as well as the Drop Prevention Conference in Red Clay, the Superstars Dinner sponsored by the State Chamber and the Governor's Prayer Breakfast.

Dr. Godowsky explained that the Department is continuing to work on ESSA implementation and meeting internally discussing its vision, mission and priorities. The draft vision addresses every learner ready for success in college, career and life.

#### **Department of Education**

#### Update on Technology Task Force – Senate Concurrent Resolution 22

Wayne Hartschuh, Director of the Delaware Center for Educational Technology at the Department presented the report and recommendations of the State Educational Technology Task Force. The charge of the Task Force was to study educational technology and update the state educational technology plan to ensure that all Delaware students have access to modern and effective educational and assistive technologies that enhance learning and promote college and career readiness. The report has four areas: Infrastructure and Leadership, Teaching and Learning, Assistive Technology and Funding Streams and Budget Recommendations. Some of the recommendations highlighted include: forming a Council on Educational Technology, increasing bandwidth in Delaware schools, volume purchasing contract for education, adopting the ISTE standards for students and instructional coaches, and acquire the necessary assistive technology.

#### Regulations

Tina Shockley presented the regulations on the agenda.

Revisions to Regulation 922 and 925 focus on Children with Disabilities. These amendments are out for public comment for 60 days. The regulations will be discussed at the June State Board meeting.

Regulation 292 Post Secondary Institutions and Degree Granting Institutions of Higher Education was reformatted and revised to clarify the approval process for Degree Granting Institutions of Higher Education. A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to approve the amended Regulation 292. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board signed the appropriate Order.

### **Charter Schools**

Jennifer Nagourney presented the Charter School items. She presented the timeline for Delaware STEM which was placed on formal review last month. The school currently has an enrollment of 118 students which has increased from 104 from last month but still far below the projected 80% enrollment of 200 students. The Board also received the timeline for Academy of Dover and Prestige Academy which are in the renewal process. Renewal applications are due September 30<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that the organizational framework is being reviewed and revised and provided an update on the research project by the University of Delaware on charter schools in Delaware. In other charter news, Delaware Design Lab is still awaiting news about their \$10M grant submission.

### **Professional Standards Board**

Chris Kenton, Executive Director of the Professional Standards Board presented the PSB items to the State Board.

Regulation 1552 Elementary School Counselor, Regulation 1545 Secondary School Counselor and Regulation 1582 School Nurse were discussed.

Regulation 1559 Skilled and Technical Sciences Teacher was presented for action. A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to approve the amended regulation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board signed the appropriate Order.

The Professional Standards Board requested the Board's approval for a Praxis II test for Professional School Counselors that will be required for certification: (5421) Professional School Counselor. The adoption of this assessment which is designed to measure whether entry-level school counselors have the standards-relevant knowledge, skills, and abilities is believed necessary for competent professional practice. It was requested that the Board approve a passing score of a 156 on (5421) Professional School Counselor Praxis II exam, with an effective date of January 1, 2017. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the passing score and effective date. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **Appeals and Reviews – Executive Session**

#### **J.M. v. Cape Henlopen School District Board of Education (2016-01) – For Action**

A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting that the State Board go into Executive Session for the purposes of considering this student appeal and the student's pupil file. The motion was

seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board entered into Executive Session at 2:18 p.m.

Deputy Attorney General Catherine Hickey provided the State Board with the appropriate information on the appeal.

The Board returned to open session at 2:39 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to accept the proposed Decision and Order of the Hearing Office and adopt it as the State Board's Decision. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried by roll call vote. (Ayes: Mr. Coverdale, Mr. Heffernan, Dr. Whittaker, Mr. Melendez. No: Mrs. Bunting).

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Bunting to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Steven H. Godowsky, Executive Secretary and  
Secretary of Education

**Executive Session**  
**Appeals and Reviews**

J.M. v. Cape Henlopen School District Board of Education (2016-01) – For Action

Since school disciplinary matters are confidential the Board entered into Executive Session pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* § 10004(b)(7). The motion was made by Mrs. Bunting, seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously. The Board went into Executive Session at 2:18 p.m. The Board discussed the appeal with Ms. Hickey.

Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General highlighted the appeal item. She also advised the SBE that this executive session was being recorded since there were exceptions and comments filed with the Board after the parties had received the proposed decision of the Hearing Officer. The SBE discussed the matter.

Upon motion, the Board returned to open session at 2:39 p.m.

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